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COMMUNICATION METHOD

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Examiner:

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

RFC2305 "A Simple Mode Of Facsimile Using Internet Mail", which was published on March, 1998, by K. TOYODA. This document is discussed on page 19 of the specification of the present application;

Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. JP11-112772, which was published on April 23, 1999. This document was cited in a Search Report of the corresponding PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/01716.;

Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication No. JP9-149189, which was published on June 6, 1997, along with an English language Abstract. This document was cited in a Search Report of the corresponding PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/01716.;

Examined Japanese Patent Publication No. JP11-88645, which was published on March 30, 1999. This document was cited in a Search Report of the corresponding PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/01716.; and

Examined Japanese Patent Publication No. JP11-127330, which was published on May 11, 1999. This document was cited in a Search Report of the corresponding PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/01716.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite these documents. Copies of the above-noted publications are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following commonly assigned, co-pending patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No.08/930,609, filed on October 14, 1997, entitled "Facsimile Communication Method And Facsimile Machine";

U.S. Patent Application No.08/930,614, filed on October 14, 1997, entitled "Facsimile Machine And Communication Result Notifying Method";

U.S. Patent Application No.08/930,610, filed on October 14, 1997, entitled "Electronic Mail Converting Apparatus For Facsimile";

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/084,938, filed on May 28, 1998, entitled "Internet Facsimile Apparatus";

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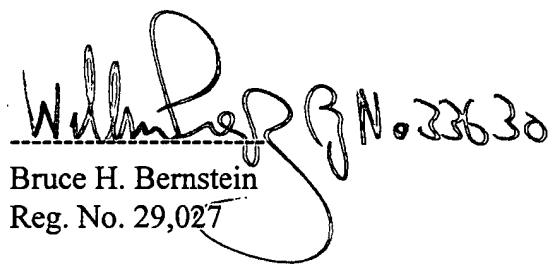
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/099,528, filed on June 18, 1998, entitled "Internet Facsimile And E-Mail Reception Method";  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/104,177, filed on June 25, 1998, entitled "Internet Facsimile Apparatus And Information Terminal Device"; and  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/129,429, filed on August 5, 1998, entitled "Facsimile Apparatus".

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of each above-mentioned application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If, for any reason the Examiner cannot locate any of the applications, Applicant will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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